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## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the sole, original and first inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD FOR PREVENTING THE FORMATION OF SPOTS AT THE SURFACE OF MUSHROOMS AND MUSHROOMS THEREBY OBTAINED, the specification of which:

is attached hereto.

was filed on September 12, 2003 as PCT International Application Number PCT/NL2003/000633 and was amended on 9 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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